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FOR SQUIRE FROM WAJDA

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SUBJECT: REFUND OF MONIES TO MARK WILSON

1. YOU WILL RECALL THAT I TALKED TO YOU IN JULY ABOUT THE CASE OF MARK WILSON, AN AMERICAN WHO WORKED IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA FROM JULY 1975 TO JULY 1976. PRIOR TO OBTAINING HIS VISA FOR PNG, WILSON WAS REQUIRED TO POST A BOND (US1,012 DOLS) WITH THE AUSTRALIAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK (PNG HAD NOT YET OBTAINED INDEPENDENCE). UPON LEAVING PNG WILSON APPLIED FOR A REFUND OF THE BOND FROM THE AUSTRALIANS. AFTER SOME DELAY HE WAS INFORMED THAT THE REFUND WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM THE PNG. AFTER SOME FURTHER DELAY THE PNG BUCKED THE CASE BACK TO AUSTRALIA. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO HE RECEIVED A REFUND OF US840 DOLS FROM THE GOA WITH AN EXPLANATION THAT THE DIFFERENCE WAS DUE TO CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS.

2. WILSON IS UNDERSTANDABLY UPSET OVER THE FACT THAT HE LOST 172 DOLS ON THE TRANSACTION AND NOTES THAT THIS WOULD
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NOT HAVE BEEN THE CASE IF THE GOA HAD REFUNDED HIS BOND WHEN HE ORIGINALLY APPLIED FOR IT IN JULY 1976. I HAVE INFORMED HIM THERE APPEARS TO BE LITTLE WE CAN DO TO HELP HIM RECOVER HIS MONEY. HOWEVER, SINCE HIS LOSS SEEMS TO BE DUE TO BUREAUCRATIC ERROR ON THE PART OF THE

GOA, THERE MAY BE SOME POSSIBILITY OF MAKING A CASE.

REQUEST THE EMBASSY CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE GOA OFFICIALS
TO FIND OUT WHAT, IF ANYTHING, CAN BE DONE. VANCE

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